Imports of Chemicals and Machinery Equipment by O.N.G.C.

866. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC is importing various chemicals and machinery equipment required for its use; if so, names of the countries from which importing quantity of each imported item, amount of foreign exchange involved in these transactions per year and rates of FOB paid at Indian Ports during the last three years;

(b) whether Government are contemplating to produce these items indigenously;

(c) if so, what are the names of such approved projects State-wise and whether letters of intent have been issued to the intending manufacturers; and

(d) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (d) ONGC has been procuring their requirement of various chemicals and equipments from both indigenous as well as foreign sources. The imports are generally made against global tenders where indigenous bidders are given a price preference ranging from 15 to 35 percent depending on the value added. Further, in order to promote the indigenous manufacture of these chemicals and equipments the Governments had also provided various incentives like deemed export benefits and duty free import of raw materials and components.

In so far as furnishing the details regarding the imports made during the last three years, indigenous manufacturing facilities etc, is concerned, the time and effort which are required to compile the information will not be commensurate with the public purpose sought to be served thereby.

Price Control on Glybenclamide

867. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Standing Committe appointed to consider represetions for inclusion of drugs have recommended the listing of Glybenclamide under price control;

(b) if so, when the Committee recommended the same and what are the main reasons for the delay in listing this drug in DPCO 1987; and

(c) by when the drng is lickely to be listed price control?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c) The recommendations of the Standing Committee for inclusion of certain bulk in Scheduled Categories under D.P.C.O. 1987 are under consideration of the Government

Kelkar Committee Recommendations

868. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1323 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st May, 1990 and state:

(a) what are the recommendations of KELKAR Committee on which decisions have not yet taken by his Ministry;

(b) what are the recommendations of Kelkar Committee on which decision of Government are contrary to the recommendations;

(c) what are the names of drugs for which Standing Committee has made recommendations for inclusion under